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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The Government have no such proposal before them."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government have called for statistics from the various schools, both private and Government, as regards the changes in text-books and how often they have been changed during the last five years?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"That will be part of the examination which I said I am intending to make."

Hardship caused by the frequent change of text-books.

* 179 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received by the Government drawing their attention to the great hardship caused to the parents and guardians of school-going children by the frequent change of school text-books; and

(*b*) if so, what action they have taken so far and propose to take in the future?

A.—(*a*) No such representations have been received by the Government.

(*b*) Does not arise. A circular was, however, issued last year to presidents of district educational councils pointing out that the duty of selecting books for use in elementary schools rested entirely with the school authorities and that it was not one of the functions of district educational councils or their presidents to prescribe text-books.

Appointment of tabulators to tabulate the results of the S.S.L.C. and the T.S.L.C. examinations.

* 180 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the qualifications are for persons for being appointed as tabulators to tabulate the results of the S.S.L.C. and T.S.L.C. examinations;

(*b*) whether the tabulators for the examinations of 1932 were approved by the Director of Public Instruction;

(*c*) how many tabulators were appointed in that year and how many of them were Muhammadans;

(*d*) how many Muhammadans were appointed as tabulators during the immediately preceding five years;

(*e*) what the rates of remuneration allowed to these tabulators are;

(*f*) whether in 1932 and 1933 tabulation clerks were also employed and, if so, what the rates of remuneration paid to them were; and

(*g*) how long the tabulation lasted in each of the years?